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DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS AS APPROPRIATE TO BONN FOR AMBASSADOR
AND SALZBURG FOR NYE

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: FRG/GOB NUCLEAR AGREEMENT

REF: (A) STATE 092297, (B) BRASILIA 3330, (C) STATE 096963

1. IF THE IDEA OF A LETTER FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO
PRESIDENT GEISEL IS STILL ACTIVE (THE PRESIDENT'S INTERVIEW
WITH THE FOUR EUROPEAN JOURNALISTS SEEMS TO SUGGEST THAT IT
MAY HAVE BEEN ABANDONED), WE WOULD LIKE TO ADD TO OUR EARLIER
COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS IN REF (B) ONE PROMPTED BY A
REFERENCE IN GEISEL'S LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT (REF C).

2. WE REFER TO THE FIRST SENTENCE OF THE FIFTH PARA OF THE
LETTER, BEGINNING "BRAZIL CAN DEFEND THAT POSITION". IT
APPEARS TO US THAT THE SENTENCE MAY PROVIDE AN INTERESTING
OPENING FOR FUTTRESSING THE FULL-SCOPE SAFEGUARDS PITCH.
THE SENTENCE WAS ALMOST CERTAINLY INTENDED MERELY AS A
DESCRIPTION OF THE PRESENT SITUATION, THAT IS, ALL OF THE
EXISTING RPT EXISTING PROGRAM "IS ENTIRELY COVERED BY

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THE SYSTEM OF SAFEGUARDS" (THIS IS AN ACCURATE DESCRIPTION,
INASMUCH AS THE HEAVY-WATER ACTIVITY OF THE INSTITUTE OF
MILITARY ENGINEERING HAS NOT GOTTEN OFF THE GROUND AS
FAR AS WE NOW KNOW). THAT FACT IN ITSELF MIGHT, HOWEVER, BE
INTERPRETED AND ADVANCED SUBTLY IN ANY LETTER AS A
CURRENT GOB ACCEPTANCE IN PRACTICE OF THE CONCEPT OF FULL-
SCOPE SAFEGUARDS AND THEREFORE REASONABLY EXTENDABLE TO

FUTURE ELEMENTS OF THE PROGRAMS. IT MIGHT EVEN BE POSSIBLE TO ASSOCIATE BY SUGGESTION THE GOB ATTITUDE ON SAFEGUARDS FOR THE EXISTING PROGRAM TO ITS STATEMENT OF ITS POSITION UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW TOWARD TLATELOLCO, THUS TRYING TO BRIDGE THE GAP REFERRED TO IN PARA 2D OF REFTEL (B).

3. WE WOULD EXPECT THAT THE GOB WOULD RESPOND THAT IT WAS ONLY DESCRIBING THE FACTUAL PRESENT SITUATION, WITHOUT IMPLICATION FOR THE FUTURE, EVEN SO, THE NOT UNREASONABLE EXTRAPOLATION THAT WE WOULD BE MAKING COULD BE ANOTHER ELEMENT, AND PERHAPS AN UNCOMFORTABLE ONE, IN OBLIGING THE GOB TO DEFINE ITSELF. IT MIGHT ALSO BE HELPFUL IN PERSUADING SCHMIDT.

4. IN THIS SAME VEIN, WE WANT TO NOTE THAT WE HAVE ASSUMED THAT ANY LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT WOULD BE DRAFTED WITH A CAREFUL EYE TO POSSIBLE PUBLICATION AT SOME FUTURE DATE.

5. PLEASE MAKE THIS TELEGRAM AVAILABLE TO DR. GOECKERMANN, EMBASSY SCIENCE COUNSELOR, NOW IN THE DEPARTMENT.
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